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Claims 1-11 are pending in the application. Claims 1-11 stand rejected. Applicants are amending claims 4, 5, 9, 10, and 11. The Applicants request the Examiner to consider amended claims in light of accompanying arguments, and to pass claims 1-11 on to allowance.

During a telephone interview on October 12, 2006, between the Examiner and agent for the applicants, Richard Clikeman, it was discovered that the appendix to applicants' previous response dated April 20, 2006 was never scanned into the PAIRS system. R. Clikeman sent these two pages (both illustrations of the invention) to the Examiner. Both R. Clikeman and the Examiner agreed that their discussion was facilitated by the drawings.

Rejection of Claims 1, 4, and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Regarding the use of the term "powder particles". The plastics additives powder composition is comprised of powder particles, which themselves are comprised of much smaller impact modifier particles and processing aid polymer particles (see the Appendix). The powder composition, therefore, includes the powder particles. For example, the powder particles of the present invention are typically sold in bags. The bags contain the powder particles, and those powder particles are the principal, or sole, component of the plastics additives powder composition. Those powder particles, then, have the structure shown in the Appendix.

Rejection of Claims 4, and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Applicants have amended claims 4, 5, 9, 10, and 11 to remove the term "plural", thereby rendering moot the Examiner's rejection.

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Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to:

- a) enter amendments to claims 4, 5, 9, 10, and 11;
- b) consider the arguments; and
- c) pass claims 1-11 on to allowance.

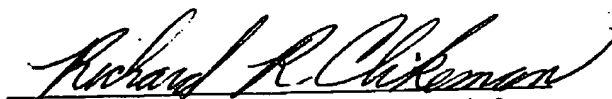
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Respectfully submitted.

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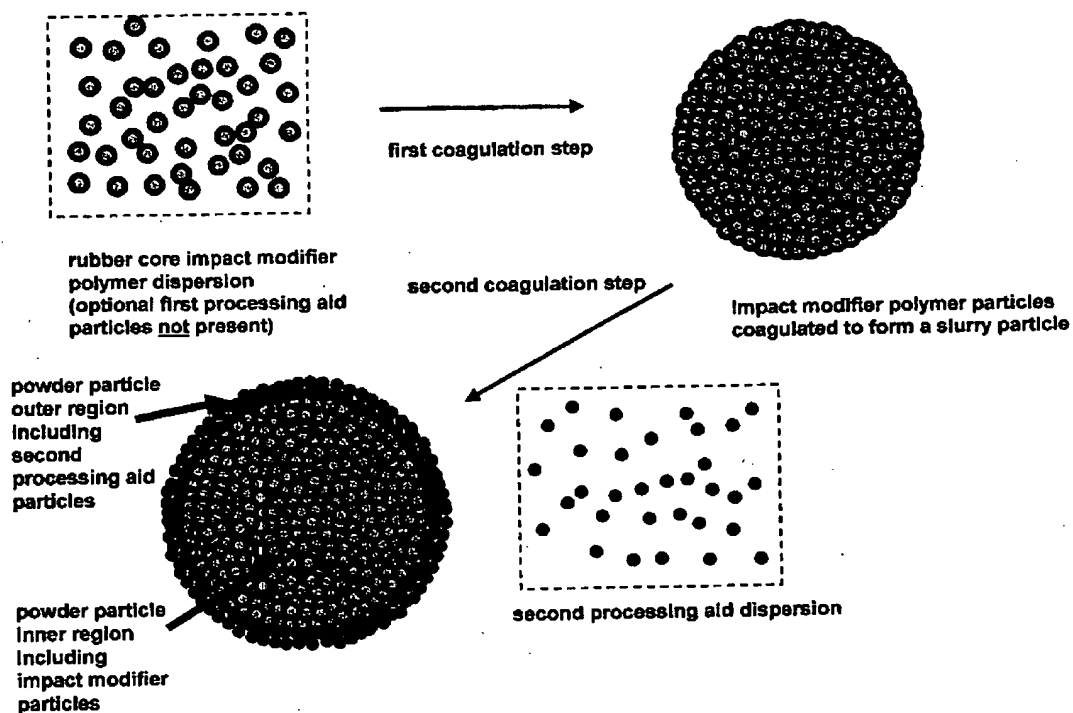
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Appendix: Illustration of the Coagulation Procedure of the Present Invention and Powder Particle Produced Therefrom

Present Invention: Formation of powder particles having an inner region including impact modifier particles and an outer region including second processing aid particles



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Present Invention: Formation of powder particles having an inner region including impact modifier particles and first processing aid particles and an outer region including second processing aid particles

